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D) STATE 12368; E) STATE 12373

1. DEPARTMENTS VIEWS REGARDING REPORTING ON GROUP 77
MEETING IN MANILA CITED IN STATE 10266 (REFTEL C).

2. OUR PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD PROCEEDING APACE. MISSION
IS URGED TO RECOUNT DECISIONS REACHED AT JAMAICA IBRD/IMF
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MEETING AS OUTLINED IN STATE 12373 (REFTEL E). THESE

DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD BE VIEWED BY BOTH GROUP B AND G-77 AS SOLID EVIDENCE OF POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH CAN BE REACHED BY NATIONS WILLING NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH. WE EXPECT TO PRESS FOR CONTINUATION OF SUCH DIALOGUE IN UNCTAD AND CIEC AND HOPE OTHERS WILL PARTICIPATE WITH SAME SPIRIT.

3. IF ISSUE U.S. POLICY ON COMMODITIES ARISES REQUEST YOU RECOUNT GIST OF DEPARTMENT'S PRESS STATEMENT ON JANUARY 16 CITED IN REFTEL D.

4. REGARDING QUESTION RAISED IN REFTEL B, DEPARTMENT

APPRECIATES SUGGESTIONS BUT DOES NOT, RPT. NOT, WISH RAISE ISSUE OF CIEC COMMODITY STRATEGY IN COURSE OF MEETING ON UNCTAD PREPARATIONS. INSTEAD WE PREFER AWAIT RESULTS OF PARIS OECD AND CIEC MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY.

5. AT UNCTAD OUR OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO MAINTAIN LEADING ROLE FOR U.S. AND FOR GROUP B IN EFFORTS MEET LEGITIMATE NEEDS OF LDCS, R"EMPHASIZE THAT EFFECTIVE NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONSHIP MEANS DONORS ALSO ARE TO DERIVE BENEFITS, ADVISE LDCS AT PREPARATORY MEETINGS NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH AT UNCTAD AND STRESS ADVISABILITY OF CONTINUING FOLLOW-UP OF INITIATIVES MADE AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND, MOST RECENTLY, CIEC AND JAMAICA, IN APPROPRIATE FORUMS. SISCO

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